



1925-2025

un an avec Howard Phillips Lovecraft

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L'avenir existe, puisqu'on visite des lotissements à bâtir et qu'on en parle avec un agent immobilier : aujourd'hui, nouvelle expédition à Yonkers.

[1925, dimanche 28 juin]

Up early — read Times — breakfast — out with SH to Alex. Hamilton.
Grange — on to 242 — Yonkers — Bryn Mawr — charm still present —
look over lots — Parkway valley & Tudor cottage — salesman — ret. to
Station — bus — car — subway — provisions at Alpha — dinner — read
& retire.

*Levé tôt. Lu le Times. Petit déjeuner. 2 jusqu'à Yonkers. On retourne
à Bryn Mawr. Le charme toujours présent. On regarde les terrains.
Fermettes Tudor dans la vallée du parc. On voit le vendeur, puis
retour à la gare, bus, taxi, métro. On refait nos provisions à l'Alpha.
Dîner. Lu & couché.*

Un an plus tôt, au printemps 1924, Sonia avait investi dans un terrain de ces nouveaux lotissements de Yonkers. Les soucis de santé leur avaient fait abandonner le projet et la réservation consentie : apparemment ils n'en abandonnent pas l'idée. La maison coloniale de l'ancien bras droit de Washington, Alexander Hamilton, maintenant un musée, a été démontée en 2006 et réimplantée dans un autre endroit du parc — le passé colonial des États-Unis n'a plus l'authenticité qui fascinait Lovecraft, et où il enracine ses fictions pour leur donner leur caractère d'incontestable illusion. En tout cas, c'est bien ensemble qu'ils investiguent les lotissements à bâtir, rencontrent même l'agent immobilier. Ils rêvent. Et dès le matin, avant le breakfast qui prélude à leurs expéditions, lecture du *NYT* et ses suppléments, on va en faire autant bien sûr. Une belle évasion depuis Governors Island, c'est à leurs pieds. Nick Carter ? Mais oui, Nick Carter, on y reviendra ! Stériliser les handicapés mentaux ? Honneur au Wisconsin : refus. Crime parfait San Francisco : ça aurait pu mais non. Surproduction éditoriale concertée : 100 livres à paraître dans l'été à venir, la rentrée littéraire française 100 ans après n'a qu'à bien se tenir. On avait déjà croisé la gare de Babylone sur Long Island, on la salue de nouveau ! Un open space avec centre d'appel téléphonique en 1925 : le *NYT* a photographié son service de publicité. Les Français de service : Renoir et Pierre Louys ça vous va ? On nous fait visiter le Barnard Cloisters ? Howard et Sonia y étaient la semaine dernière. Et puis, vous ne croyez pas que la langue anglaise serait plus exacte avec 28 lettres qu'avec 26 ?

3 Prisoners Escape From Governors Island In Workmen's Skiff After Disarming Guard

Taking advantage of the presence of a small skiff near the sea wall, three military prisoners at Governors Island disarmed a guard yesterday and made their escape to the Brooklyn shore, paddling their way across Buttermilk Channel with boards ripped from the plank of the boat. Two of the men were serving sentences for desertion, and the third for being absent without leave.

The three formed part of a working party of ten which had been marched from the disciplinary barracks at Castle Williams just after breakfast to the coal docks on the north side of the island. They were dressed in the customary prisoner's clothes of olive drab denim trousers and blouse with a round olive drab hat.

Only one guard was detailed to the working party. He was armed with a shotgun. Near the coal wharf civilian workmen were repairing the sea wall and they had left a small skiff tied to the wall.

Without warning the prisoners jumped

on the guard, overpowered him, took his gun and pushed off in the skiff. The guard raised an alarm and the marine police were notified. The prisoners could be seen paddling vigorously through the swift current running through Buttermilk Channel, headed for Brooklyn. By the time a police boat arrived the men had landed. The boat and the guard's gun were found near a dock.

A patrol was sent from Governors Island to Brooklyn to try to locate the deserters but up to a late hour last night they had not been found.

The men who escaped were Michael F. Sullivan, a deserter, whose home is in Palmer, Mass., serving a one year's sentence, and who was to have been discharged in August; James McNorton of 348 East Forty-ninth Street, serving two years and six months for being absent without leave, with less than a year to complete his term, and Charles A. Moody of Brooklyn, deserter, serving five years.

TAKE BELL-ANS AFTER MEALS
for Perfect Direction.—Adv.

New York Times, 28 juin 1925. Saisissant l'opportunité d'un canot amarré près de la digue, trois prisonniers militaires de Governors Island ont hier désarmé leur garde et pris la fuite vers le rivage de Brooklyn, se servant pour rames de planches arrachées au fond de la barque. Les trois fugitifs faisaient partie d'une équipe de dix, envoyés des baraquements disciplinaires du château Williams pour décharger du charbon à l'embarcadere au nord de l'île. Ils étaient vêtus de la combinaison olive règlementaire des

détenus, avec un calot assorti. Un seul garde était affecté à ce détachement, armé d'un fusil à pompe. Près de l'embarcadere à charbon, des ouvriers civils procédaient à une réparation de la digue et avaient laissé leur canot amarré au mur. Sans prévenir, les prisonniers sautèrent sur le garde, le désarmèrent, et sautèrent dans le canot. Le garde donna aussitôt l'alarme, qui fut retransmise à la police maritime. On aperçut les prisonniers ramant vigoureusement dans le fort courant du Buttermilk Channel, se dirigeant vers Brooklyn. Le temps que la police arrive, ils étaient arrivés. Sur un des quais, on retrouva seulement le bateau et le fusil du garde. Une patrouille de Governors Island se rendit à Brooklyn pour tenter de localiser les fuyards, mais hier soir aucune piste n'avait été retrouvée. Les hommes qui se sont échappés sont Micheal F Sullivan, un déserteur, originaire de Palmer, Massachusetts, condamné à un an de détention et qui aurait dû terminer sa peine en août ; James Mc Norton, domicilié au 348 de la 49ème rue Est, condamné à deux ans et demi pour absence sans permission, et Charles A Moody, de Brooklyn, condamné à cinq ans pour désertion.

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THE HISTORY OF THE ROSE: A SCENE FROM "ROSARIA,"
the Pageant at the Royal Festival at Montreal, Que.
(P. S. A.)

YOUTH ADMITS HOAX TO OBTAIN \$50,000

Demanding Cash From San Francisco Man, Saying Wife Was Kidnapped.

INSPIRED BY LOEB CRIME

Bliss Baker, California University Senior, Tells Story of Scheme.

IAN FRANCISCO, June 27 (AP).—The tragic picture of a gray-haired mother who brought her son and a daughter to a college town and found work in a department store that her children might have educational advantages she had missed, only to have the son jailed as the principal in a \$50,000 extortion plot, was presented before a group of hangers-on in a dingy office at the Hill of Justice here today.

The mother was Mrs. Olivia Baker, and it is her 23-year-old son Bliss, a University of California student, over whose head is hanging an extortion charge, carrying a penalty of one to five years in state prison.

Crissed by a desire to enact a "perfect crime," the young university student, who recently won a scholarship entitling him to a year's study abroad, today admitted that the accomplice whose name he first told the officers as "George Beeman," a "book agent," in reality was Russell Crawford, salesman for a vacuum cleaning appliance concern and attached to the company's Stockton office.

Crawford was arrested last today at Redwood City, south of here, and will be returned here tonight or early tomorrow to face with Baker a charge of extortion in connection with an attempt yesterday to exact \$50,000 from Colonel D. C. Jackling, multi-millionaire mining man of Utah and San Francisco, under threats of kidnapping and torturing Mrs. Jackling.

"Names of both the Loeb-Leopold and Shepherd cases in Chicago found reflection in the kidnapping plot, except that Baker insists no harm was intended to Mrs. Jackling."

"We wanted to frighten Colonel Jackling into giving us \$50,000 without actually meaning to hurt Mrs. Jackling," Baker told the police. The threat was made by Baker that the germs of a virulent social disease would be injected into Mrs. Jackling's body, suggesting the disproven charge in the Shepherd case that Young Billy McCintock came to his death by the employment of typhoid fever germs.

Crawford, telephone advice from Redwood City stated, admitted knowing Baker but denied any knowledge of any kidnapping or extortion plot. He will be questioned by police on his arrival here tonight or early tomorrow.

The "perfect crime" of Baker and Crawford, according to newspaper reports, has its main features the luring of Mrs. Jackling from her home here by a fake telephone message that her sister, Mrs. Rudolph Spreckels, had been injured in an automobile accident and was in a hospital in a San Mateo County town, and to demand upon Jackling for \$50,000 in a message delivered by messenger, who was given a dummy package which he turned over to a taxicab driver.

One Hundred Books That Will Be Published in the Summer

Notable Volumes of Literature and Biography Which Will Appear Before the End of September

THESE are the most notable books, according to a group of publishers, that will appear in the summer. The list is a long one, but it is not intended to be exhaustive. It is merely a selection of the most interesting and important books that will appear in the summer. The list is divided into two parts: one for fiction and one for non-fiction. The fiction part includes books by such authors as E. V. Rieu, John Galsworthy, and G. K. Chesterton. The non-fiction part includes books by such authors as John Burroughs, John Galsworthy, and G. K. Chesterton.

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John Burroughs, whose Biography Will Be Published This Season.

Portrait by G. P. Brown

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Renoir Was Not Interested in Theories of Painting

"I Painting Did Not Answer Me," He Said, "I Should Not Do It"



Paul Gauguin's "The Great Ovarian" in the Louvre Museum, Paris.

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Literary Career of Pierre Louys

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Robinson Crusoe as Political Allegory

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Of a Living Princess and a Dead Prince

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